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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
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Cornelius  
Donald  
Winfrey  
(Enter above the full name  
of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in  
this action)

vs.

Cook County  
Department of  
Correction  
Mail Room

Cas 08cv1982  
(To JUDGE DARRAH  
MAG. JUDGE SCHENKIER

(Enter above the full name of ALL  
defendants in this action. Do not  
use "et al.")

**CHECK ONE ONLY:**

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COMPLAINT UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, TITLE 42 SECTION 1983  
U.S. Code (state, county, or municipal defendants)

COMPLAINT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION ("BIVENS" ACTION), TITLE  
28 SECTION 1331 U.S. Code (federal defendants)

OTHER (cite statute, if known)

**BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS COMPLAINT, PLEASE REFER TO "INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
FILING." FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

## I. Plaintiff(s):

- A. Name: Cornelius Donald Winfrey
- B. List all aliases: NONE
- C. Prisoner identification number: 20060042615
- D. Place of present confinement: Cook County dept of Correction
- E. Address: 2600 SO. CALIFORNIA AVE CHICAGO, ILL 60608

(If there is more than one plaintiff, then each plaintiff must list his or her name, aliases, I.D. number, place of confinement, and current address according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

## II. Defendant(s):

(In A below, place the full name of the first defendant in the first blank, his or her official position in the second blank, and his or her place of employment in the third blank. Space for two additional defendants is provided in B and C.)

- A. Defendant: The MAIL ROOM OF COOK COUNTY  
Department of Correction  
 Title: MAIL ROOM HANDLER  
 Place of Employment: Cook County dept of Correction
- B. Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have more than three defendants, then all additional defendants must be listed according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

III. List ALL lawsuits you (and your co-plaintiffs, if any) have filed in any state or federal court in the United States:

- A. Name of case and docket number: THE MAIL ROOM OF COOK  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
- B. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: DEC. 5, 2007
- C. List all plaintiffs (if you had co-plaintiffs), including any aliases: CORNELIUS D. WINFREY
- D. List all defendants: \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Court in which the lawsuit was filed (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
- F. Name of judge to whom case was assigned: JOHN W. DARRAH
- G. Basic claim made: to receive & send out regular,  
LEGAL MAIL WITHOUT ANY HASSELS
- H. Disposition of this case (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?): \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Approximate date of disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU HAVE FILED MORE THAN ONE LAWSUIT, THEN YOU MUST DESCRIBE THE ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS ON ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER, USING THIS SAME FORMAT. REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY CASES YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED, YOU WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FROM FILLING OUT THIS SECTION COMPLETELY, AND FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF YOUR CASE. CO-PLAINTIFFS MUST ALSO LIST ALL CASES THEY HAVE FILED.

## IV. Statement of Claim:

State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant is involved, including names, dates, and places. Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. (Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

I've written grievances in regards of the  
Cook County Department of Correctional  
Officers & mail Room. ON 5/02/07 I've written  
grievances ON C/O Hickman<sup>AMT-3 PM</sup> for refusing  
to pass out the mail ON 4-23-07 that the  
11-7 shift C/O Casale found the mail in the  
desk drawer and C/O Casale passed the mail  
out at breakfast time ON 4-24-07. ON 4-30-07  
C/O Dabrowski open my in my presence between  
3:30-4:5. I've gotten legal mail in my pres-  
ence from C/O St. Bak ON 7/6/07 at 4:20 pm.  
I've also gotten 2 pieces of legal mail  
open in my presence 9/17/07 from Sgt Barton  
at 9:49 pm. ON 11/14/07, 7-3 shift<sup>AM PM</sup> C/O LeDonne  
was suppose to present me with 2 pieces  
of legal mail but Superintendent ANDERSON  
open my legal mail at 3:45 pm. I also  
having problems when my family and

friends send me mail or money orders  
It's returned back to the sender. I also  
Shouldn't have to write the UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURTS, CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR  
or any other legal services 2 or 3 times.  
I also shouldn't have to send my legal  
mail out to my family and friends to have  
them to forward my legal mail to its  
proper addresses more than 3 times.  
My mail & legal mail should come in and  
go out freely through the COOK COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL CENTER  
without any Hassels.

## V. Relief:

State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Cite no cases or statutes.

I would like to be compensated for the  
time that Cook County Department of Correction  
didn't send my mail out properly.

VI. The plaintiff demands that the case be tried by a jury. ☐ YES ☒ NO

## CERTIFICATION

By signing this Complaint, I certify that the facts stated in this Complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that if this certification is not correct, I may be subject to sanctions by the Court.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 2007.

Cornelius Donald Winfrey  
 (Signature of plaintiff or plaintiffs)

Cornelius Donald Winfrey  
 (Print name)

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 (I.D. Number)

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